

## January 31, 2021 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom 9 am

Ministers of the Liturgy The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee Ginny Starkis & Susan Edmondson, Wardens Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# This Weekend at Trinity:

## Sunday:

**9am** – Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom. [there will be no service of Morning Prayer; rather, our meeting will begin with prayer and Scripture. The link will be sent by email on Saturday]

9:45 am – Sunday School

**5 pm** – Sacred Ground Session #8

The church will not be open on Sunday for the meeting or for Private Holy Communion.

# This Week at Trinity

The Parish Office will be open Monday – Thursday: 10am – 2 pm. Mother Judith is working remotely and can be reached by phone [716.949.8194] or email. **Monday 7:15 am** – Zoom Meditation: the link will be sent by email on Sunday. **Wednesday 10 am** – Morning Prayer on Zoom: the link will be sent by email on Wednesday morning **Thursday 4 pm** – Grab n Go meals at Trinity **Thursday 7 pm** – Profile Committee Meeting on Zoom **Friday 12:30 pm** – ROMEOs on Zoom. The link will be sent by email

## Next Sunday:

9 am 7 pm

## Family Service: Holy Communion and Blessing of Candles on Zoom Youth Group on Zoom

Consecrated wafers for Holy Communion and blessed battery-powered votive candles will be available at the church at 4 times:

- while the office is open Monday through Thursday, 10 am-1:30 pm
- next Saturday morning (10-11 am)
- next Sunday morning (8-8:45 am)
- please let Mother Judith know if you would like them brought to your home.

## Ash Wednesday: Outdoor Covenant Service with St. Mary's: 12:15 pm @ Fino Field The service will be transmitted on Milford Local Cable Access: Comcast channel. 11 & Verizon Channel 40

Trinity will have services on Zoom at 10 am and 7 pm. Blessed ashes and a Family Liturgy will also be available for use at home.

## Annual Parish Meeting

## Directions for Participating Your voice is important!

- 1. You may participate by telephone: call **929-205-6099**. You will be able join in the entire discussion even though you will not see anything.
- 2. You may *vote* by telephone by calling Peach Warren's cellphone: 508-330-0988. Peach will be at the meeting and she will voice your vote for each position (preserving anonymity).
- 3. The meeting will begin with prayers promptly at 9 am, and Mother Judith will be available to answer your call beginning at 8:30 am. We expect the meeting last about an hour.

#### AGENDA

- I. Appointment of a Clerk of the Meeting
- II. A Message from Bishop Fisher
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Meeting
- IV. Nominations for Election
  - a. Senior Warden Beth Moeller
  - b. Junior Warden Lisa Ruggiero
  - c. 3-Year Vestry Terms: Joan Campbell, Sarah Prevelige, Cindi Scrimgeour
  - d. 2-year Vestry Term: Sharon Manoogian
  - e. 1-year term: Youth Member of Vestry: Tessa Scrimgeour
  - f. Clerk: Ann Marie Lockwood
  - g. Treasurer: Cheryl Eidinger-Taylor
  - h. Assistant Treasurer: Karen Carig-O'Neill
  - i. Steward of the Offering: Charlie Johnson
  - j. Reconciler: Barb Dutko
  - k. Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Beth Stochaj, Wayne Stochaj, Mary Johnson
  - 1. Alternate Delegates: TBA
  - m. Youth Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Madelyn Stochaj
  - n. Alternate Youth Delegate to Diocesan Convention: TBA
  - o. Nominations from the floor
- V. Voting by poll
- VI. Report of the Wardens
  - a. Highlights of 2020: Overview of Annual Reports
    - i. Highlights: New and changed ministries
    - ii. What have we done well? What could we have done better?
- VII. Report of the Profile Committee: Preview of the Profile
- VIII. Report of the Treasurer:
  - a. 2020 Year-end Balance Sheet
  - b. Review: 2021 Budget
- IX. Appreciation: Leadership during 2020
- X. Commissioning of the new Vestry
- XI. Blessing and Dismissal



#### Meditation for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: The Annual Parish Meeting January 31, 2021

*They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority* [Mark 1:22]

Sunday's gospel tells the story of Jesus teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum; in the group of people gathered there is a man possessed of demons who challenge Jesus but who obey his order to leave. The story is about Jesus' authority as a teacher who faces down the defiance of demons. It is also a story about a faith community gathering to learn more about their tradition and being surprised into understanding it in an entirely new way.

Like them, we gather to worship, to pray, and to learn. We gather to celebrate in thanksgiving for the community that God is creating with us, to renew our commitment to the mission to which God has called us, to honor the people who have led you this past year and to choose leaders for the coming year.

We gather in hope: Hope based upon a long history of God's visible presence at Trinity, always guiding you on paths that were not always clear, drawing you together even when division might have seemed and easier option.

We gather with authority as the Body of Christ. We listen to the Word of God and to the needs and hopes of our neighbors. We witness to the compassionate power of God: to call out the unclean spirits that disrupt and disturb us and to free us from the complacency and resentments that stifle us.

We gather in wonder, as did Jesus' listeners in the synagogue so long ago: Our Annual Parish meeting is an act of witness to all that God is doing around us in us, and through us; the sometimes mundane business of our governance is an open-eyed and open-hearted witness to the wondrous ways in which God wakes us up.

We gather to listen, to learn, to celebrate, to promise, to witness.

We gather to worship in thanksgiving and hope.

#### **Our Prayers Are Offered For:**

**Parish Members & Friends:** the Cooper Family; the Rev. Libby Wade; Sue; Charles Gustavesen; Karin Tourtellotte; Gloria Falcone; L. A. Jones, William Jones, Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Michael Lambert; Brad Gustavesen; Arlene Person; Aretha Liverpool; Ray & Enid; Rita & Dick Cronan; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Robert; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Dr. Stephen Janko; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

The Deceased: Bernie Cooper

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:** Jack Cuddy; Robert Healy, Jr.; Hugh O'Neill; Cruz Figueroa; Leah Gorham; Sarah Gorham; Cody Winchell; Tracy Davis; Julia Klisiewicz; Charlie Keegan; Michele Dow; and Bianca Roffo.

# The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church are

#### THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Priest Randy Bloom, Minister of Music, Rachel Carpenter, Sunday School Coordinator Magee Lambert, Church Secretary, Paul Del Molino, Sexton Ginny Starkis, Senior Warden; Susan Edmondson, Junior Warden and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts led by The Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit, through worship, ministry and fellowship.

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